

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed 29 September 2003. According to the Action, restriction to either Group 1 (Claims 1-25) or Group 2 (Claims 26-39) is required under 35 USC 121. In response, the applicant elects to prosecute Group 1, Claims 1-25, in the present application. The applicant has withdrawn Claims 26-39, without prejudice, with the intent to prosecute those claims in a divisional application.

The applicant has also amended claims 1 and 9 to remove bracketed text that was inadvertently left in the set of claims filed with the application.

The Office Action requires the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 USC 121. According to the Action, the claims will be restricted to the elected species if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. According to the Action, claims 1-5, 26, and 30 are generic. The Office Action identifies species 1 as the embodiment shown in Figures 1-3, 10-13, and 15-26. The second species is shown in Figure 4, species 3 is shown in Figures 5 and 27-33, species 4 is shown in Figures 6 and 7, and species 5 is the embodiment shown in Figures 8 and 9. According to the Action, Figure 14 shows an embodiment that the Examiner considers to be generic to any one of the species.

The applicant elects to prosecute species 1, the embodiment shown in Figures 1-3, 10-13, and 15-26. The applicant considers the following claims to describe the embodiments shown in these drawings:

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment of this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0852. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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